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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 25th November, 1952

No. CT(A)/52.—The Cotton Textile Industry is the largest Industry in the country. Its future development is therefore a matter of paramount importance. There have been, from time to time enquiries into one sector of the industry or another but there has been no comprehensive enquiry from the point of view of the overall economy of the country and of the industry as a whole. There has, in particular, been no assessment of either the utility or the importance of the powerloom industry which is a comparatively recent growth. In recent years, instead of being a country importing piecegoods, India has become an exporter of piecegoods. It is now becoming clear that unless the country is prepared to meet the competition that will emerge very soon, it will lose its present position of importance in the export market.

In these circumstances, the Government of India feel that there is need for a comprehensive enquiry into the various sectors of the cotton textile industry, namely the Mills, the Powerlooms and the Handlooms, with a view to determining the place of each in the national economy and their inter-relationship. They have accordingly decided to appoint a Committee consisting of:—

1. Shri Nityananda Kanungo, M.P. (Orissa)—*Chairman*.

Members

2. Shri H. C. Dasappa, Bangalore.
3. Shri V. N. Tiwary, M.P. (Uttar Pradesh).
4. Shri A. R. Bhat, Secretary, Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Poona.
5. Prof. Muranjan, Principal, Sydenham College of Commerce, Bombay.
6. Prof. Balakrishna, Professor of Economics, University of Madras.
7. Prof. S. K. Basu, Reader in Economics, Calcutta University.
8. Mr S. P. Chopra, Chartered Accountant, Delhi.
9. The Textile Commissioner to the Government of India, Bombay.
10. The Statistical Adviser to the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

The Secretary of the Committee will be Mr. Ramnath, Director, Office of the Textile Commissioner, Bombay.

The Committee will have the power, at the discretion of the Chairman, to enlist expert assistance from members of the various interests as assessors.

The Committee is requested to undertake:—

- (1) an examination of the structure and organisation of the various sectors of the cotton textile industry;

- (2) a study of the nature and volume of the demand for cotton textiles internally as well as in the export market;
- (3) an assessment, if possible, of the extent to which each of the three sectors may be utilised for the production of cotton textiles, having in view the following factors,
 - (a) providing supplies of cotton textiles at reasonable prices for internal consumption;
 - (b) ensuring maximum earning of foreign exchange;
 - (c) utilisation of our resources both in men and material in the direction that is socially most desirable;
 - (d) the size, organisation, and the lines of development of each sector including reservation, if necessary, of particular fields of production to one or more sectors; and
- (4) an inquiry into all other matters incidental and ancillary; and make suitable recommendations to Government.

The Committee will function in the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Government of India, Bombay.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all concerned, and it be published in the Gazette of India.

K. N. KAUL, Joint Secy.